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NOTE VERBALE DATED 10 APRIL 1996 FROM THE PERMANENT MISSION OF MEXICO ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARIAT OF THE CONFERENCE ON DISARMAMENT TRANSMITTING THE TEXT OF RESOLUTION C/E/RES.27 ON COOPERATION WITH OTHER NUCLEAR-WEAPON-FREE ZONES ADOPTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE AGENCY FOR THE PROHIBITION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS IN LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN

The Permanent Mission of Mexico to the international organizations presents its compliments to the secretariat of the Conference on Disarmament and has the honour to forward to it resolution C/E/Res.27 on cooperation with other nuclear-weapon-free zones adopted on 27 March 1996 by the Council of the Agency for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America and the Caribbean. The Mission requests that the resolution should be distributed as an official document of the Conference on Disarmament.

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RESOLUTION C/E/RES.27

"COOPERATION WITH OTHER NUCLEAR-WEAPON-FREE ZONES"

The Council:

Recalling that since 1967, with the purpose to contribute towards ending the armaments race, especially in the field of nuclear weapons, and towards strengthening a world at peace, based on the sovereign equality of States, mutual respect and good neighbourliness, Latin America and Caribbean Governments signed the Treaty of Tlatelolco, which had been taken as a model for the establishment of other nuclear-weapon-free zones in different regions of the world;

Considering that the establishment of nuclear-weapon-free zones contributes significantly to the strengthening of international peace and security, through the reduction of conflict areas;

Recalling in particular resolution 14 (E-VI) of 22 October 1985, by which the General Conference welcomed with satisfaction the signature of the South Pacific Nuclear Free Zone Treaty (Treaty of Rarotonga);

Bearing in mind that on 15 December 1995, the Heads of State of the Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN) signed in Bangkok the Treaty on the South-East Asia Nuclear-Weapon-Free Zone;

Observing with satisfaction that on 11 April 1996, the Treaty on Nuclear Weapon Free Zone in Africa (Treaty of Pelindaba) will be open for signature in Cairo, Egypt;

Taking note of United Nations General Assembly resolution 50/66, of 12 December 1995, which calls to the directly interested parties to explore the possibility of adopting measures to carry out the proposal for the establishment of a nuclear-weapon-free zone in the Middle East;

Recognizing that the establishment of nuclear-weapon-free zones constitutes an important measure to achieve the goal of a world completely free of nuclear weapons;

Convinced that while that goal is achieved, it is absolutely necessary that all nuclear-weapon States undertake the commitment to respect the nuclear-weapon-free zones, established through agreements among the States of the concerned region;

Resolves:

1. To welcome with satisfaction the establishment of Nuclear-Weapon-Free Zones in South-East Asia and Africa.

2. To entrust the Secretary-General, on behalf of the Council and in consultation with it, to promote an exchange of information on the experience gained by the Agency for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America and Caribbean through its almost 30 years of existence.

3. To request the Secretary-General to prepare a report on the prospects of establishing cooperation agreements with the nuclear-weapon-free zones in the South Pacific, South-East Asia and Africa, in order to achieve common positions dealing with disarmament issues at United Nations forums.

4. To examine the Secretary-General's report, in order to adopt pertinent measures.